epidemics cholera and gestro-enteritis, diseases like typhoid and jaundice might spread in the city; and

(e) if so, whether any precautions are being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) 23,88,843 cholera and 16,78,859 typhoid inoculations have been performed upto 26th August 1988 in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(b) Yes.

(c) The requirement of cholera and typhoid vaccines in Delhi has been fully met.

(d) Since these diseases are spread mostly due to contamination of water poor personal and environmental sanitaton, there is the risk of spread of diseases like typhoid and Infectious Hepatitis.

(e) Precautionary measures taken include supply of safe drinking water, chlorination of unsafe drinking water, improvement of environmental sanitation safe disposal of human excreta, garbage, refuge, anticholera and typhoid inoculations and strengthening of health education measures through various mass-media Gammaglobulin injections are also recommended to high risk groups such as expectant mothers in highly affected areas.

Vayudoot link to Mangalore, Calicut, Cochin and Trivandrum

4092. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce Vayudoot or any other air service linking Mangalore, Calicut, Cochin and Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The aircraft capacity at present available with Vayudoot is fully stretched. At present there is as such no proposal to provide the aforesaid air service.

Check on sale of banned drugs

4093. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some drugs banned in many countries are still being marketed in the country;

(b) if so, whether the ban of such drugs has been notified to the drug marketing agencies in the country by the concerned authorities;

(c) what steps are being taken to seize the banned drugs which have already been put through in the market; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken against the agencies found-guilty for non-compliance of Government's directive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) World Health Organisation have so far reported withdrawal of 44 drugs by some countries. Out of these, 26 drugs were not approved for marketing in India and action to withdraw 11 drugs have already been taken through Notifications. A decision was taken to permit the marketing of remaining 7 drugs in consultation with medical experts.

(c) and (d) Drugs Controller (India) from time to time intimate the State Licensing Authorities to ensure that banned drugs do not move in the market; to seize the stock of such drugs and take suitable action as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the Rules thereunder.